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The Newsletter of the 130th Composite Flight

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HOT NEWS. Our own Major Doneshefsky USAFR has been promoted to Lt/Col Congratulations! Cadet Krukowski joins him by having earned another stripe! C/Sgt Gudbiartsson, Prose and others have earned ground team member status and received their 101 cards (at last) Cadets, Tripp, Gudbiartsson, Prose, Krukowski along with Capt Craswell and Lt/Col Modders have earned another "Find." Disaster Relief Kudos also go to Lt/Col Modders, Capt Craswell and C/Sgt Prose for their participation in the Lake Elmo mission. Congratulations to all.

Communications. Read closely the article on communications regarding the requirement of having a RCA permit if you plan to carry a CAP radio in your vehicle. We do not want anyone fined or Tailed for not having a RCA permit. ROA Cards are supposed to be "in the mail" for those of you who have been taking the advanced communications classes.

Some Garage Logic on Fighting.

Gangs are nothing new. My neighborhood featured the B.P.M.s who were mostly interested in riding bikes fighting and drinking. A B.P.M. member who was a next door neighbor (living at home with Mom) was subjected to a 12 gauge tonsillectomy by a rival gang. As you can imagine the effect was fatal. As a "retired" former teenager I know that some fights can be hard to avoid. Some might even be unavoidable. For those of you now experiencing large amounts of testosterone there are some limits to what will seem rational. Clearly teenagers are more likely to duke it out than an overweight 40-year-old. On the off chance that you can recognize that fact it might help you to avoid a punch out. FACT: No fight you can get involved with in high school is going to have a lot of impact on the rest of your adult life unless it involves death, maiming or the police. So why get into one? THINK before you react. A second consideration is how far you are willing to take such disagreements. Will you stand your ground when the result may lead to a permanent injury or even death? Will you resort to the use of a weapon? Will you allow what someone says to cause you to start a fight? It is important to think clearly about what you are doing and not bowing to your hormones or the idiocy of your opponent. So lets assume that rational thinking and common sense won't keep you out of a fight. What happens after a fight is probably more important than the fight itself. On the big scale I can cite WWI. In the big picture the war was left unresolved with the Germans feeling they were being kept down. It was this condition that caused WWII more than any other. WWII ended differently because the free world helped its former opponents rather



than trying to keep them down. In the small picture a.k.a. my life I have been in fights with several bad characters. One ended with me not doing too well but I earned the respect of the combatant. While he continued to run amok with others he choose "easier" targets than I. In another circumstance I was confronted with a fellow who talked much better than he fought. After giving him a well-deserved broken nose I made the serious mistake of not ending the confrontation properly. He harbored a lot of anger and resentment that could have been resolved with me simply saying, "Ok were even now." And ending it. Instead this resulted in a personal WWI which was me vrs my opponent and 7 or 8 of his best friends. Of course a weapon was involved (How many of you have been beaten over the head with a bike?) At this point I could escalate the conflict with a large group of my own, use a more effective weapon than my fists (a flame thrower comes to mind), or walk away. In this case dealing with more than your average irrational people I choose to walk away. Live to fight another day! You as a CAP member should not start fights period. If confronted I want you to use your brains and think. Weapons: I'm reminded of the kindly advice of my Police Sergeant when going to Sheriffs school. If confronted with fists use your nightstick. If confronted with a knife use your 38. If confronted with a gun run like hell and let SWAT take care of them. You as a Civilian risk jail or worse If you do escalate in that fashion. Plus there will rarely be a SWAT team to bail you out. Remember to think out your endgame strategy. If you don't have one you may well face the same conflict again with the odds tilted against you and you will be in a world of hurt.

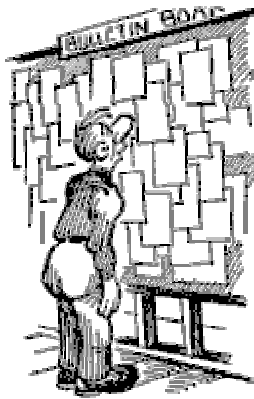
DCOC: Year 2000 Vision as I have now assumed the duties of DCOC Deputy Commander of Cadets I think it is time to share my vision of where the cadet program is going.

1) Military bearing is required to perform our mission and is required to advance in rank. We have new members who need to learn this and

perfect it. Older more experienced members are here to help and by doing this they will advance as well.

2) Participation We do not have a lot of activity in outside activities. We have opportunities that go to waste because people are not bothering to sign up for them. It is my desire that the 130th be much more active in activities such as these. We have our own Pilot again. This time we will see that cadets fly as often as possible. You must apply for Basic Encampment if you have not done so before. It is required for all other activities.

3) Advancement for our cadets is important. It is my goal that the Mitchell award will become far more common that it has been in the past. Cadets must have their sights set on the Spatz award not the Mitchell. I will see that testing is available as often as possible so that you have the opportunity to advance. Non of this will happen if you don't bother to show up to meetings on time or in the correct uniform. You have one choice in uniforms. The correct one. You must take advantage of



Nov 21 BDU OPEN
Nov 28 BLUES OPEN

the opportunities to test or attend outside functions. When you fail to participate you are only hurting yourself. We all need to bring in potential new members and encourage inactive members to attend meetings.

Oct 17 BDU AERO
Oct 24 BLUES OPEN
Oct 31 NO MEETING!!!
Nov 07 BDU FLIGHTLINE
Nov 14 BLUES OPEN

Cadet Commander's corner: Our volleyball competition is Sat. Oct. 21. Some of you have signed your names and are expected to go. All others will be spiked. If you do not attend, that means Capt. Craswell will have to play. But we want to WIN!!! Plan on being there.

***NOTE:** Be there or I **will** play! Thus ending any chance of our success. Unless of course they play their seniors in which case I will help you destroy them! Who can dare spike the incredible bulk? If you get a chance please look over the new Web page. <http://www.mnwg.cap.gov/farmington> It has some brand new features among them the Radio Shack and the Rocket AVI page. If your a member and you don't see your face on the

